

Amendments to the Claims:

8. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically processing electronic mail, comprising:

loading an electronic mail message;

selecting a first number of portions from the electronic mail message, wherein locations for the first number of portions are affected by contents of the electronic mail message;

generating a second number of codes from the first number of portions, wherein the first number and the second number are equal;

determining if the first number exceeds a predetermined value;

selecting a third number of portions from the electronic mail message, based, at least in part, on the determining step, wherein locations for the third number of portions are affected by contents of the electronic mail message;

generating a fourth number of codes from the third number of portions, wherein the third number and the fourth number are equal; and

storing the fourth number of codes.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically processing electronic mail, comprising:

loading an electronic mail message;

selecting a plurality of portions from the electronic mail message, wherein locations for the plurality of portions are affected by contents of the electronic mail message;

interrupting the selecting the plurality of portions when the plurality of portions reaches a predetermined count;

generating a plurality of codes from the plurality of portions, wherein the number of codes and the number of portions are equal to each other; and

storing the plurality of codes.